not attending his Duty as a Militia Man according to the Summons August 2 or order of his Officer issued some Time in April last, that he has Liber No. 78 a wife, several helpless Children and a very old infirm Grandmother p. 229 depending on his Labours for Support, that he has very little Property except a small Parcel of Land which is taken executed and advertised to be sold that the said Lands will sell for not much more than the Fine and Costs, and that he will be deprived of the Means of providing for his Family, We think the Fine considering the Mans Circumstances very grievous and excessive and regret the want of Power to mitigate it, and therefore request you will suspend the Sale until he has an opportunity of laying his Case before the Assembly and applying for Relief.

[Council to Capt. Brian.]

Ibid.

You are to proceed down the Bay at least as far as the Mouth of Patuxent River and keep frequently stretching across and down the Bay so as to have a constant look out; if you discover any of the Enemies Vessels standing up the Bay of Force and may appear to you to have Troops on Board, you will return and give the earliest Information thereof, and whenever you have an Opportunity you will write us, where you are and communicate the Intelligence collected. Signal agreed upon, the Plater will upon viewing a Vessel hoist a white Flag at the main Top mast head and lower the Peek of the Mainsail to answer the signal to hawl down the Foresail

Friday 3^d August 1781.

August 3 Liber C. B.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Cray No. 24 McKubin Fifty three pounds sixteen Shillings and two pence Specie p. 122 agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" per Certificates settled by the Aud. Gen¹

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Harwood eight hundred and thirty four pounds and two pence Specie agreeable to the said Act per Certificates passed by the Aud. Gen¹

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Thomas 3^d Thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and also one hundred and forty four pounds, five shillings & eleven pence Specie agreeable to the said Act p Acct & Order passed by the A. G¹

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris seventy five pounds eight shillings specie agreeable to the said Act p Cert^s settled by the Aud. Gen¹

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o George Streaker two hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign, one hundred pounds thereof to be delivered over to Philip Thomas Esq^r Lieut. of Frederick